

SCS HCS HB 709 -- ENTITIES REGULATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
INSURANCE, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

This bill changes the laws regarding entities regulated by the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration.

PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY (Sections 195.070, 334.037, 334.104, and 334.747, RSMo)

The bill allows specified advanced practice registered nurses, assistant physicians, and physician assistants to prescribe Schedule II hydrocodone. Hydrocodone prescriptions are limited to a one five-day supply without refill.

INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENTS (Sections 324.023, 374.015, and 374.018)

The bill allows any board or commission within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Profession Registration to issue opinions addressing topics relating to the qualifications, functions, or duties of any profession licensed by the specific board or commission issuing the guidance. Any opinion is for educational purposes only, is in no way binding on the licensees of the respective board or commission, and cannot be used as the basis for any discipline against any licensee. A board or commission may not address topics relating to the qualifications, functions, or duties of any profession licensed by a different board or commission.

The bill allows the department director to issue non-binding informal written communications for the purpose of informing or educating the insurance industry and the general public about a regulatory topic or issue.

The bill allows the department director to issue a no-action letter stating the intention of the department to not take enforcement actions on a particular insurer based on a specific set of facts presented by the insurer and applicable law as of the date of the issuance of the letter. If there is not a change in any material fact or law or a discovery of a material misrepresentation or omission made by the insurer, the department is estopped from bringing any enforcement action against an insurer who has been issued a no-action letter concerning the conduct that is the subject of the no-action letter.

COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (Section 376.791)

The bill exempts any individual health insurance coverage from specified provisions of Section 376.777 regarding required policy

statements relating to the coordination of benefits and requires the department director to promulgate rules to implement and administer these provisions prior to January 1, 2016.